

U.C. Savant Says CIA Pays Union to Sway Foreign Leftists

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ALBANY — The AFL-CIO, "financed under the table" by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, is supporting "left wing and socialist movements and political parties in foreign countries," says Dr. Seymour M. Lipset, University of California sociology professor.

In the long run, Lipset charged, the CIA hopes it can use the American labor movement's "foreign affairs" branch to gain control of potentially revolutionary forces abroad and use these forces to "conservatize and stabilize" foreign societies.

Dr. Lipset has been director of the Institute of International Studies at U.C. since last June. He addressed a foreign affairs briefing sponsored by the Bay Area District of the California Democratic Council Saturday.

John A. McCone, director of the CIA, contacted by The Tribune at his Washington D.C. home, said, "I have absolutely no comment. I have never heard of the man."

Dr. Lipset said, "The AFL-CIO budget for foreign affairs is far bigger than anything they could reasonably expect to get from the U.S. labor movement. You know where the money is coming from—the huge budget for which the CIA doesn't have to account." He added:

"I think it is the policy of the United States to support these left wing and socialist movements. This is good, although I don't like all the movements and political parties our government finances."

"This really isn't a secret, but nobody talks about it. Congress would blow its stack if it found out what kind of people we are financing."

"The long-run effect may be similar to the impact of the American occupation upon Japan, he said. "Gen. Douglas MacArthur broke up the big estates and gave the land to the peasants. Now the Socialist Party and the Peasants all vote for the Com-

servative party. Land owning peasants are always conservative."

Specifically, he said, the AFL-CIO and CIA combine, "wholly controls the French Social Democrats. It also con-

trols or heavily influences the African labor movement, a labor education school in Costa Rica, at least one French newspaper and the Histadrut, the Social-Democratic movement in Israel."

The control of these foreign groups is sometimes open and sometimes secret, he continued.

Lipset was described by U.C. spokesmen as one of the best known sociologists in the nation, an expert on foreign affairs and a man who has only recently become an administrator who mixes in political affairs such as the CDC meeting Saturday.

Retention of the existing American oligarchic rule, he said, "The United States hopes to use revolutionary forces trained by the AFL-CIO and private foundations to overthrow and stabilize these South American societies."

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